

I am writing on behalf of Oregon educators that support gun rights. We oppose this measure and request a no vote. This bill will not change that which you want it to, reducing gun violence in Oregon, which is mainly in parts of Portland. I have read some of the testimony and it is very apparent that many who claim to want "gun safety" know very little about guns and gun ownership. The fact that you want to be so restrictive and punitive to thousands of lawful citizens that own guns is startling. The current climate of misleading information and supposed facts is very evident. As retired and current teachers we know first hand the impact of first rate education for not only our youth but for all in our society. We need to do a better job of truthfully educating about guns, gun ownership and gun safety. Why not have gun safety classes available? Why not put more money and actual boots on the ground help for those suffering with mental health issues? Why close the prisons, have local DAs that won't prosecute crime, make gun ownership a racial issue, increase legality of drug usage. and why indeed pass something that primarily punishes those most likely already following responsible ownership? Confronting these questions are what will make a safer Oregon. Why is "emergency" in the title and how does it relate to the proposed bill 2238.